

A Call to Discipleship and Prayer

Dear beloved brothers and sisters,

In this moment of great upheaval and uncertainty the Elders of the Orthodox Congregational Church in Lanesville are moved for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to make the following statement:

"At the Orthodox Congregational Church in Lanesville we state that neither our faith nor our identity as followers of Jesus Christ is dependent on secular politics or contemporary world events. While, even within our congregation, we acknowledge varying perspectives and sometimes conflicting views on the topics we currently face in our society, we nonetheless steadfastly hold firm to the transcendent belief, and find our identity, in the absolute truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the sovereignty of God, and the clear command to love our neighbor as ourselves".

In affirming this we are urging three things:

1. that we be, before everything else, disciples of Jesus, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace;
2. that love continue to be our distinguishing mark;
3. that according to the command of Scripture, we be in prayer for our nation and our leaders.

“I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.”

1 Timothy 2:1-6

In the hope of Christ,
Your Board of Elders